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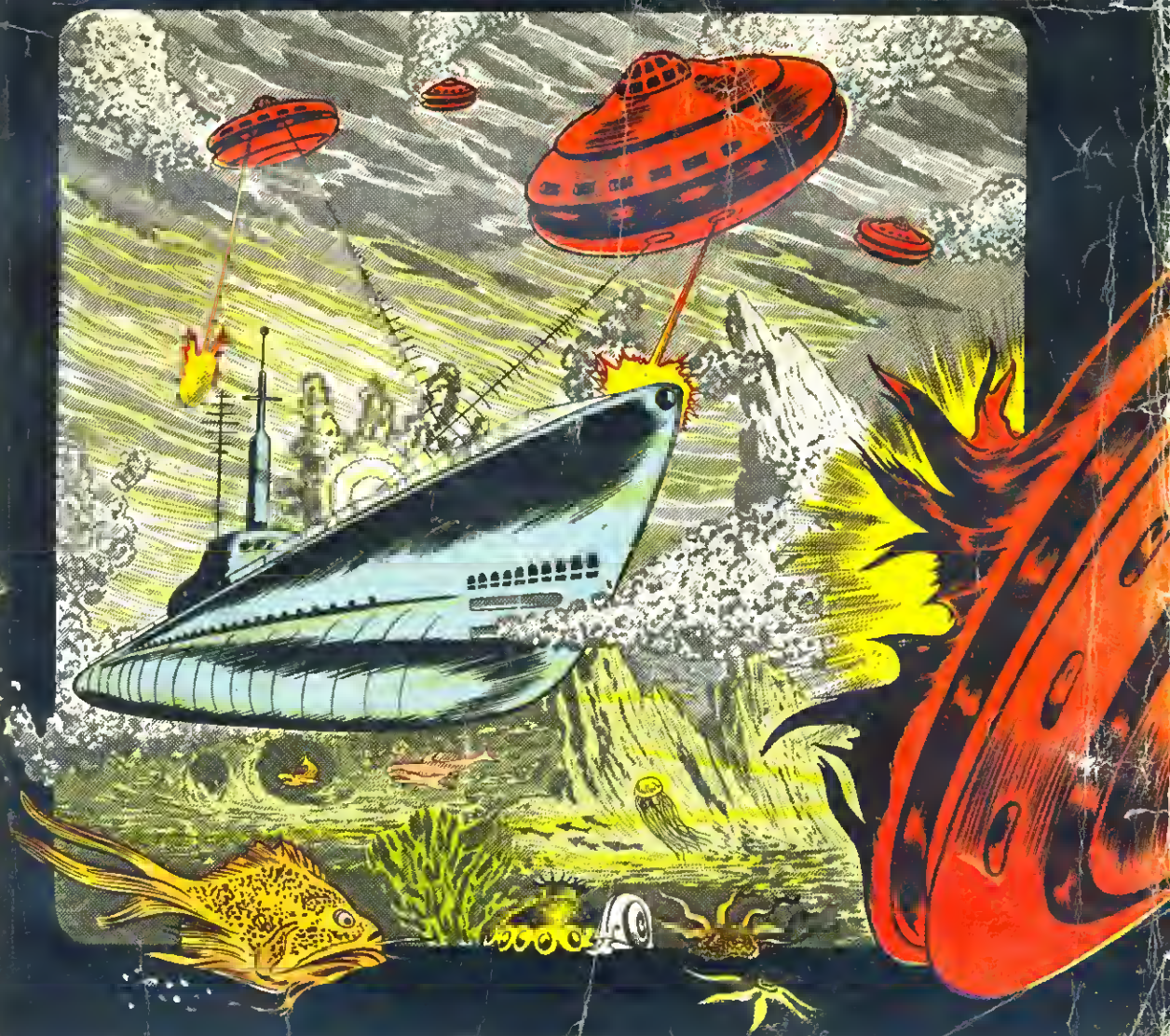
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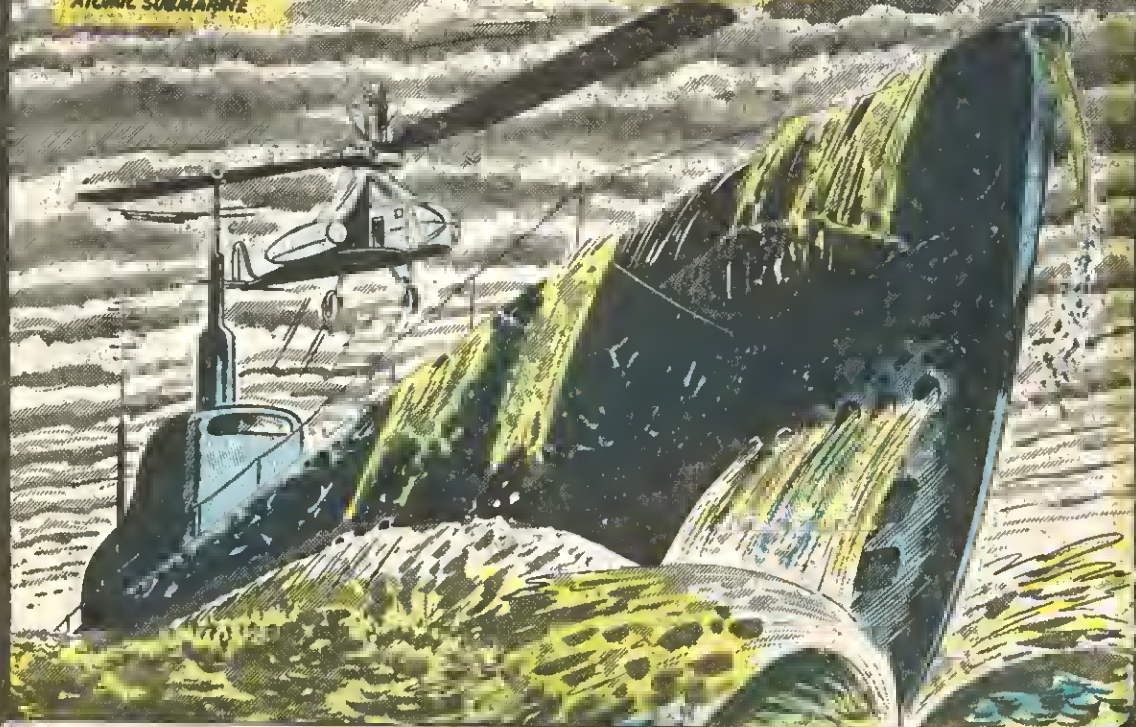
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ON OCTOBER 14th, 1951, NAVAL INSTALLATIONS AT NEW LONDON, CONN., BECAME A VERITABLE NO-MAN'S-LAND, CLOSELY GUARDED AGAINST ALL UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL! WHAT WAS HAPPENING THERE WAS A HUSH-HUSH, TOP PRIORITY SECRET!

THOSE WHO SENSED THE MYSTERY WONDERED! THEY HAD GREATER CAUSE FOR WONDER WHEN, IN MARCH, 1953, ACTIVITY SUDDENLY HEIGHTENED TO FEVER PITCH!



SORRY, SIR--BUT YOU CAN UNDERSTAND WE GOTTA BE CAREFUL HERE!



I-I CAN'T TAKE THIS OVER-TIME, THIS DRIVING! WHY THE BIG RUSH TO FINISH IT AHEAD OF SCHEDULE? WHAT CAN BE HAPPENIN' THAT THEY NEED A--

DON'T DISCUSS IT OUTSIDE OF THE YARDS, YA BIG DOPE! YA CAN'T TELL WHO MIGHT BE LISTENIN'!

MEH - MATERIALS - RECKLESSLY EXPENDED IN A DESPERATE, ROUND-THE-CLOCK STRUGGLE TO RUSH TO COMPLETION A MIGHTY SECRET WEAPON! SLOWLY, ALL TOO SLOWLY IT TOOK SHAPE - THE ATOMIC SUBMARINE!



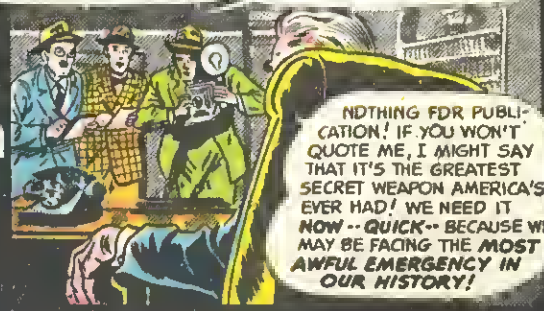
YOU LOOK, MARYEL - ASK YOURSELF WHY! HAVEN'T WE A MODERNLY-EQUIPPED NAVY, AN UP-TO-THE-MINUTE AIR FORCE, DOGFACES SECOND TO NONE? THEN WHY THE WILD NEED FOR THIS GIANT DEVICE - AND ALL THE HUSH-HUSH SURROUNDING ITS CONSTRUCTION?

SECRECY - WHISPERS - WILD RUMORS THAT EVEN YOU PROBABLY HEARD! FOR IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP ALL WORD OF THIS VAST PROJECT FROM LEAKING OUT!



LOOK, MISTER, THEY DON'T TELL ME ANYTHIN'! ALL I KNOW IS THEY'RE DRIVIN' US LIKE SLAVES! SOMETHIN'S UP, AN' THEY NEED THIS THING FINISHED FAST!

IS IT SOME NEW TYPE OF NAVAL CRAFT OR ISN'T IT? AND WHAT'S THE RUSH ABOUT LAUNCHING IT, MR. SECRETARY?



NOTHING FDR PUBLICATION! IF YOU WON'T QUOTE ME, I MIGHT SAY THAT IT'S THE GREATEST SECRET WEAPON AMERICA'S EVER HAD! WE NEED IT NOW -- QUICK -- BECAUSE WE MAY BE FACING THE MOST AWFUL EMERGENCY IN OUR HISTORY!

EMERGENCY -- EMERGENCY -- AND TO MEET IT, THE ATOMIC SUB-MARINE -- A HUGE MECHANICAL MARVEL THAT COULD BE OPERATED BY A CREW OF ONLY FOUR MEN!

BUT THEY CAN'T BE **ORDINARY MEN**, MR. BATTLE! A MIGHTY WEAPON LIKE THIS CAN ONLY BE ENTRUSTED TO **OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS**--WHO CAN SAFEGUARD IT, GET THE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE FROM IT!



NOW GET **THIS!** YOU'RE KNOWN AS ONE OF THE KEENEST BRAINS IN THE SECRET SERVICE --AND YOU'RE ALREADY IN ON THIS EMERGENCY! I'M LEAVING IT TO **YOU** TO CHOOSE THE THREE GREATEST MEN YOU CAN FIND--MEN WHO CAN MEET ANY TYPE OF DANGER, AND WIN THROUGH!

THREE MEN? BUT HOW ABOUT THE **FOURTH?**



THAT'LL BE **YOU!** YOU SEE--**YOU'LL BE THE LEADER, BILL BATTLE!**

M-ME? GOSH, MR. PRESIDENT, I APPRECIATE THE HONOR AND I-- I'LL GIVE IT EVERYTHING I'VE GOT!



IT CALLED FOR THE THREE GREATEST MEN FOR THE JOB AT HAND -- SPECIALISTS -- AND BILL BATTLE USED 20TH CENTURY PERSONNEL METHODS TO FIND THEM AT THE INFORMATION BUREAU OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE --

HUH? EXPECT US TO LOCATE **ONE GUY** WHO COMBINES ALL **THESE QUALITIES?** MASTER BOXER -- CHAMP WRESTLER -- WEIGHT LIFTER -- DISTANCE SWIMMER--

YEAH, AND HOW ABOUT **THIS?** TOP SCIENTIST, EXPERT AT MECHANICS, ATOMIC DEVICES AND GENERAL WEAPONS--ACE IN CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS--

THE THIRD LIST OF QUALIFICATIONS WILL SURPRISE YOU EVEN **MORE!** STOWY THE GAB, BOYS-- AND **START FEEDING CARDS INTO THOSE MACHINES!**



IT WAS TIME FOR A MACHINE TO TAKE OVER -- A MACHINE WITH AL-MOST HUMAN INTELLIGENCE! ITS GOAL -- A STRANGE MANHUNT --

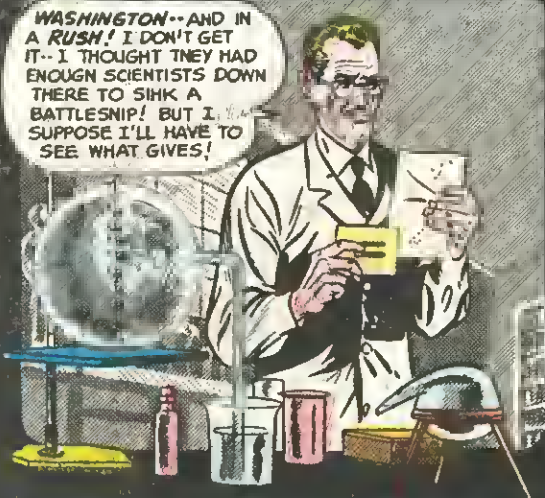


WHEELS SPUN -- GEARS ENGAGED -- AS THE ODD DEVICE RELENT-LESSLY SOUGHT OUT ITS INFORMATION! AND WITHIN A MATTER OF HOURS, A THOUSAND MILES AWAY --

WHAT THE -- WHAT DO THEY WANT WITH **ME** IN WASHINGTON? AND **PRONTO**, IT SAYS! OH, WELL -- MAYBE IKE'S GOT SOMEBODY HE WANTS BEAT UP!



WASHINGTON--AND IN A RUSH! I DON'T GET IT--I THOUGHT THEY HAD ENOUGH SCIENTISTS DOWN THERE TO SINK A BATTLESHIP! BUT I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO SEE WHAT GIVES!



FOR THE FIRST TIME, THEY MET -- THESE MEN WHO WERE TO CONTROL SO LARGE A SHARE OF AMERICA'S DESTINY --

WONDER WHAT THEY WANT ME FOR? A MUSCLE-BOY--

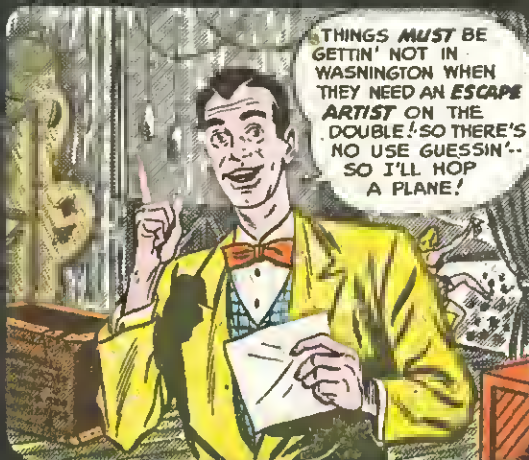
WHAT ABOUT ME? ALL I'M GOOD FOR IS THE HOUDINI STUFF-- AN ESCAPE ARTIST!

I GUESS WE'LL FIND OUT THAT SOME LITTLE BUREAUCRAT HERE HAD A BRAIN-STORM!



GENTLEMEN--

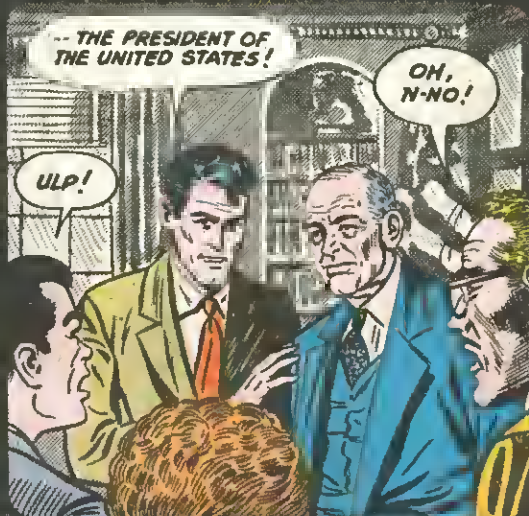
THINGS MUST BE GETTIN' NOT IN WASHINGTON WHEN THEY NEED AN ESCAPE ARTIST ON THE DOUBLE! SO THERE'S NO USE GUESSIN'-- SO I'LL HOP A PLANE!



-- THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES!

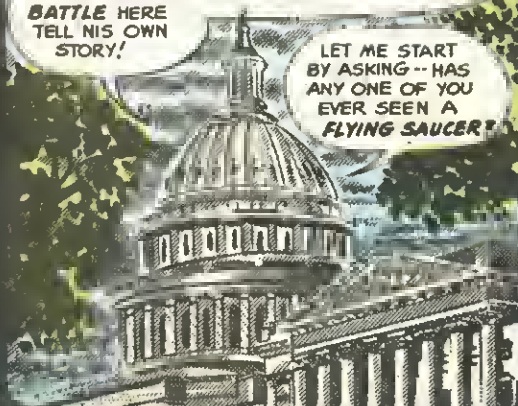
OH, N-NO!

ULP!



YOU MEN HAVE BEEN CALLED HERE BECAUSE EACH OF YOU IS AN OUTSTANDING EXPERT OF HIS TYPE, AND YOU CAN BE OF IMMEASURABLE AID TO AMERICA AT THIS CRITICAL MOMENT! AS TO WHY THE MOMENT'S SO CRITICAL--I'LL LET BILL BATTLE HERE TELL HIS OWN STORY!

LET ME START BY ASKING--HAS ANY ONE OF YOU EVER SEEN A FLYING SAUCER?



"I SEE YOU LOOK SURPRISED-- AND I DON'T BLAME YOU! THEY'VE BEEN CALLED HOAXES AND MASS HALLUCINATIONS, BUT THEY ACTUALLY EXIST -- AND MAY BE THE GREATEST DANGER WE'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED!"



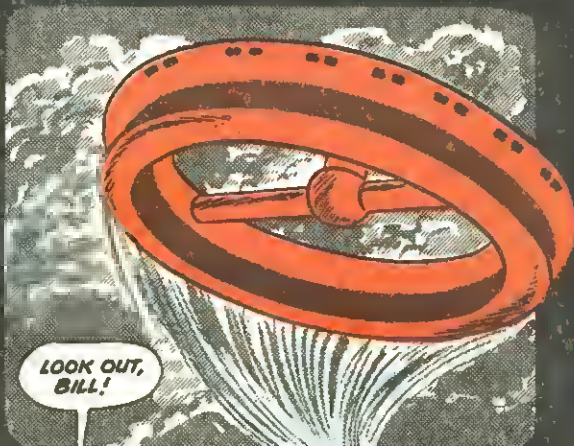
"LET ME TELL YOU WHAT I KNOW OF THEM! I'D BEEN ASSIGNED TO RUN DOWN THE RUMORS, AND WAS PATROLLING AN AREA WHERE THEY'D BEEN REPORTED --"

I GIVE UP! ONE SET OF STORIES HAS THOSE SAUCERS WHIZZING OUT OF THE SKIES IN THIS AREA-- AND ANOTHER HAS THEM SHOOTING OUT OVER THE ATLANTIC, WHERE THEY DIVE INTO THE DEEPEST PART!

YOU CAN FORGET BOTH YARNS, BROTHER! THOSE THINGS JUST DON'T EXIST!



"IT HAPPENED AT THAT VERY MOMENT -- TOO CLOSE TO DOOGE! OUT OF A NEARBY BANK OF CLOUDS --"



LOOK OUT, BILL!

"WE COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED OUTRIGHT, BUT WE WERE LUCKY! WE BAILED OUT --"



"I WASN'T MUCH USE WITH A BROKEN LEG! BUT BEN GROSS, MY BUDDY, TOOK A CHANCE ON INVESTIGATING THE DAMAGED FLYING SAUCER, WHICH HAD LANDED NEARBY!"

"I CAN STILL REMEMBER HOW CAUTIOUSLY HE APPROACHED IT -- AND MY THINKING THEY WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE WITH A FIGHTING DEMON LIKE BEN! BUT THEN I SAW THE LOOK ON HIS FACE -- AND FELT A STRANGE CHILL IN MY SPINE!"

BE... CAREFUL BEN...

DON'T WORRY! I'VE GOT EIGHT SHOTS-- AND A MARKSMAN'S MEDAL FOR WHOEVER'S IN THERE!



WELL, I'LL BE--!

WHAT-- WHAT IS IT, PAL? WHAT DO YOU SEE IN THERE?



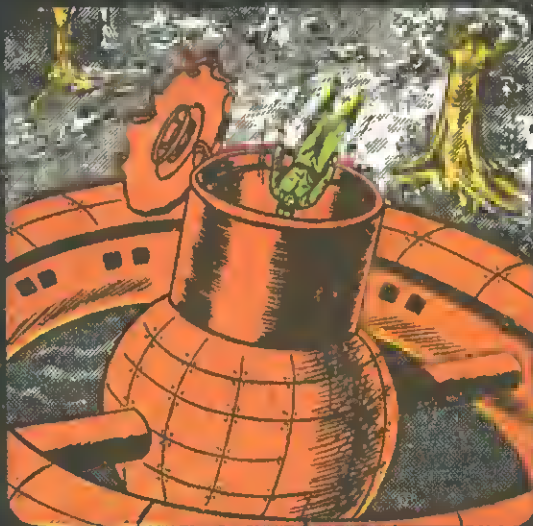
"HE DIDN'T ANSWER -- AND ALL I SAW WAS THAT STRANGE STIFFENING, AS IF A SUDDEN PARALYSIS HAD GRIPPED HIM! BEN, WHO WAS AS HEALTHY AS AN OXI!"



"I SAW HIM FALL, LIKE A DOLL WITHOUT THE BREATH OF LIFE -- AND I SAW SOMETHING ELSE! SUDDENLY, MIRACULOUSLY, THE DAMAGED FLYING SAUCER WAS INTACT AGAIN -- AND BEN A PRISONER!"



SO THERE IT IS -- WHAT I KNOW **DIRECTLY** ABOUT THE FLYING SAUCERS! WE SUSPECT THAT THEY MAY BE **RUSSIAN SECRET WEAPONS** -- OUR FIRST STEP MUST BE TO CAPTURE ONE AND INVESTIGATE IT! BUT THEY'RE KNOWN TO DIVE INTO THE DEEPEST PART OF THE ATLANTIC, WHERE NOTHING CAN GET AT THEM -- NOTHING BUT AMERICA'S NEW **ATOMIC SUBMARINE!**



"THEN, NEXT MOMENT --"



THAT'S IT, GENTLEMEN -- AND YOU'VE BEEN CHOSEN AS MEMBERS OF THE **ATOMIC COMMAND CORPS**, THE **ACC** -- SECRETLY COMMISSIONED AS NAVAL LIEUTENANTS SERVING UNDER COMMANDER BATTLE TO **MAN THE ATOMIC SUB!** ACCEPT AND YOU'LL RISK YOUR LIVES! BUT YOU'LL HAVE **UNLIMITED POWERS -- AND ALL OF AMERICA BEHIND YOU!**



THERE WASN'T ANY QUESTION OF REJECTION — THESE WERE AMERICANS! A SECRET GROUP OF PATRIOTS — SWEARING A SECRET OATH —

AND SO THE DESPERATE CAMPAIGN OPENED! ATOMIC COMMANDOS — ABOARD THE MIGHTY ATOMIC SUBMARINE — EMBARKED ON A MISSION OF LIFE AND DEATH!

REPEAT AFTER ME!
"I SWEAR TO GIVE
MY ALL TO AMERICA--
TO PROTECT WITH MY
LIFE THE GREAT NEW
SECRET WEAPON--"

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ALL TO AMERICA--TO
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LIFE--

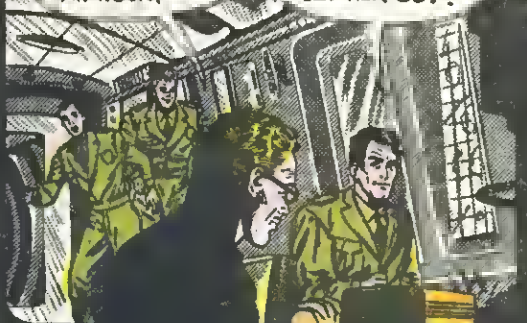


SUBSURFACE — AT A ROCKETING SPEED SUCH AS NO SUB HAD EVER BEFORE ATTAINED! MILE AFTER MILE — DESTINATION, A SPOT OFF THE STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR INTO WHICH THE SAUCERS HAD BEEN REPORTED TO PLUNGE!

IN AN INCREDIBLY SHORT SPACE OF TIME, THE DESTINATION WAS REACHED — A WASTE OF UNCHARTED WATER THAT WAS SEEKING-
LT BOTTOMLESS! POINTING HER NOSE AT A STEEP ANGLE, THE SUBMARINE DOVE DOWN — DOWN!

I-I'VE NEVER SEEN
ANYTHING LIKE IT!
WE'RE CRUISING--
AT 130 MILES
AN HOUR!

GOOD LORD! CAN
YOU IMAGINE WHAT
SHE'D DO IF WE
LET HER OUT?



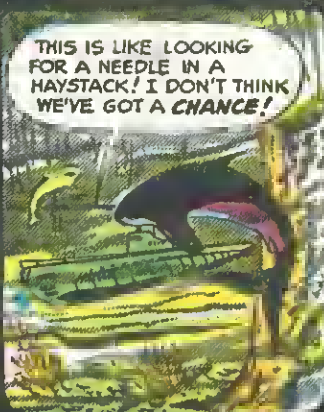
THESE WERE UNPLUMBED DEPTHS! ALREADY THEY HAD DIVED FAR DEEPER THAN MAN HAD EVER GONE BEFORE — AND STILL THE BLACK WATERS STRETCHED BEFORE THEM!

IT DID — AND MORE! AT A DEPTH UNKNOWN TO HUMAN BEINGS, THE MIGHTY CRAFT FOUND THE OCEAN FLOOR — AND RACED ALONG IT, SEARCHING FOR SOME SIGN OF THE SAUCERS!

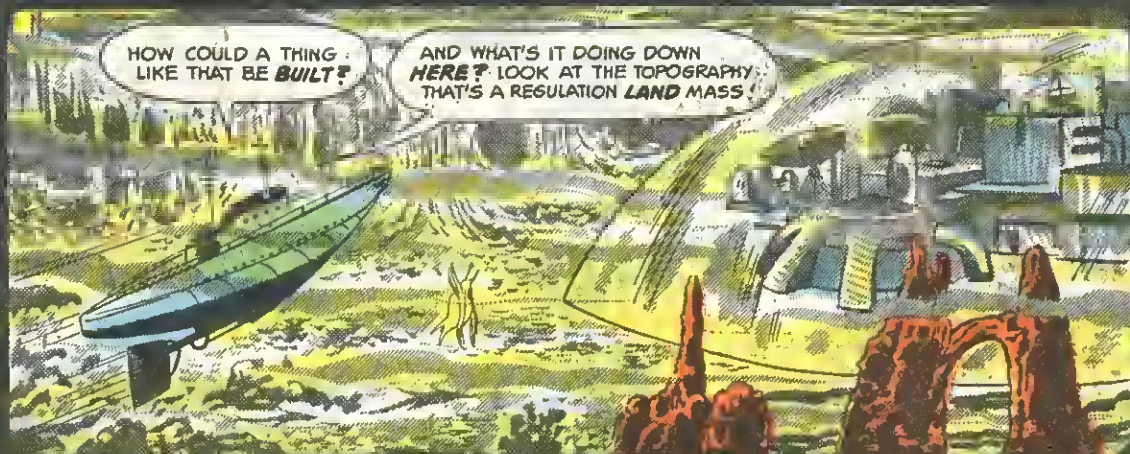
WE'RE DOWN MORE THAN 50 MILES — AND THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY END OF IT! I'M BEGINNING TO WONDER WHETHER THE ATOMIC SUB WILL WITHSTAND THE STRAIN!

THIS IS LIKE LOOKING FOR A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK! I DON'T THINK WE'VE GOT A CHANCE!

HOLY GREAT JUMPIN' JIMMINY!
LOOK AT THAT--
AND TELL ME IF I'M DREAMING!



IT WAS LIKE A DREAM - THIS HUGE UNDERWATER ISLAND, PROTECTED FROM THE CRUSHING SEA BY A TRANSPARENT DOME! HOW HAD IT COME TO BE? WHAT STRANGE HANDS HAD FASHIONED IT?



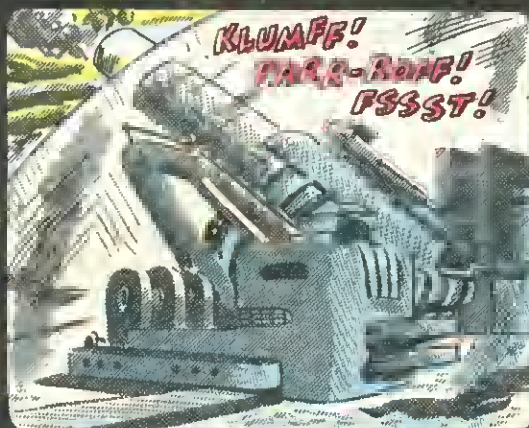
HOW COULD A THING LIKE THAT BE **BUILT**?

AND WHAT'S IT DOING DOWN **HERE**? LOOK AT THE TOPOGRAPHY! THAT'S A REGULATION **LAND MASS**!

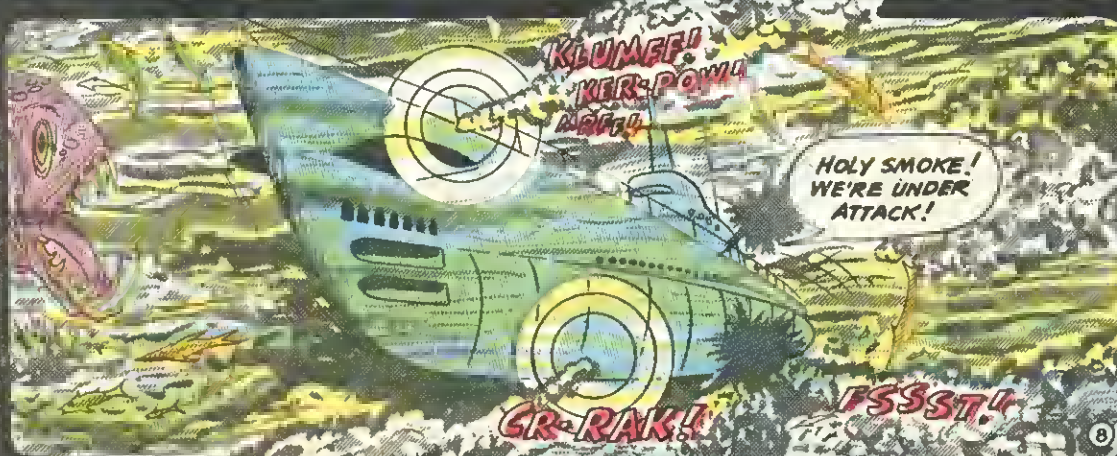
I'VE GOT A CRAZY IDEA THAT THIS IS **ATLANTIS**-- THE FABLED ISLAND CONTINENT THAT SANK INTO THE OCEAN AGES AGO! AND NOW IT'S BEING USED AS A **HIDEOUT** BY AN INVADING POWER! IN SOME FASHION, THEY'VE MANAGED TO PUT A **DOME** OVER IT--AND PROTECTED BY THESE DEPTHS, THEY'RE CARRYING ON SOME **TERRIBLE PLOT AIMED AT US!**



BUT THERE WAS NO TIME FOR FURTHER SPECULATION! THE INHABITANTS OF THE STRANGE UNDERWATER EMPIRE HAD SIGHTED THE ATOMIC SUBMARINE -- AND OPENED FIRE WITH WEIRD WEAPONS SUCH AS HAD NEVER BEEN SEEN BEFORE!



AND NOW THE OCEAN FLOOR WAS SHAKEN BY A WEIRD BARRAGE -- AND DEATH MOVED CLOSE! RELENTLESSLY, THE ODD EXPLOSIONS, THE EERIE RAYS SOUGHT THEM OUT --

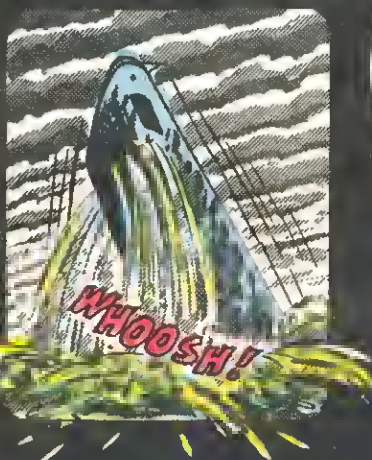




THAT ONE DAMAGED US--**BADLY!** WE'VE ONLY GOT ONE CHANCE--IF WE CAN GET AWAY BEFORE WE'RE FINISHED OFF! WE'VE GOT TO SURFACE **FAST!**

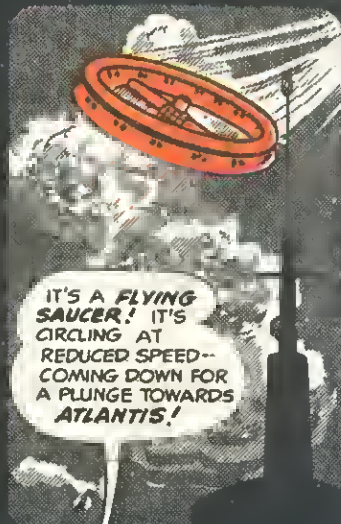
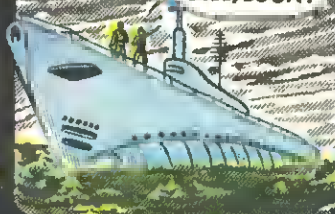
THE ATOMIC SUBMARINE CALLED UPON ITS LAST DUNCE OF SURGING POWER -- AND SHOT SURFACWARD AT BLINDING SPEED! OUT OF THE NAV OF DEATH -- TO SAFETY!

RUSH REPAIRS TOOK SEVERAL DAYS -- BUT WHEN THEY WERE COMPLETED --



WELL, WE'VE FOUND THE UNDERWATER ISLAND -- BUT IT'S TOO WELL GUARDED TO GET INTO! AND YET WE'VE GOT TO DO THAT IF WE'RE TO LEARN WHAT THIS PLOT IS ALL ABOUT!

WHAT THE--! BILL, LOOK!



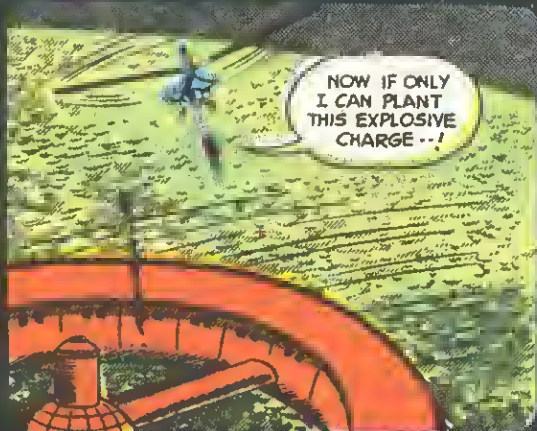
IT'S A **FLYING SAUCER!** IT'S CIRCLING AT REDUCED SPEED-- COMING DOWN FOR A PLUNGE TOWARDS **ATLANTIS!**

IF WE COULD ONLY **CAPTURE** ONE OF THOSE BABIES, IT MIGHT GIVE US A CLUE TO WHAT'S GOING ON! BUT **HOW?**

ARE YOU FORGETTING THAT THE SUB CARRIES A **SPEED-COPTER?** WITH THE SAUCER SLOWED DOWN -- **LET'S GIVE IT A TRY!**



THIS WAS A JOB WHICH DARED THE VERY FATES! IT CALLED FOR SUPERB FLYING -- FUR NIGHY STRENGTH AND SHEER GRIT -- BUT THESE WERE ATOMIC COMMANDOS!



NOW IF ONLY I CAN PLANT THIS **EXPLOSIVE CHARGE** --!

ALWAYS BEFORE, HIS RUGGED POWER HAD BEEN EXPENDED FOR PUBLIC APPLAUSE! THERE WERE NO CROWDS NOW -- NO ROARING ONLOOKERS TO CHEER CHAMP RUGGLES IN HIS GREAT FEAT --



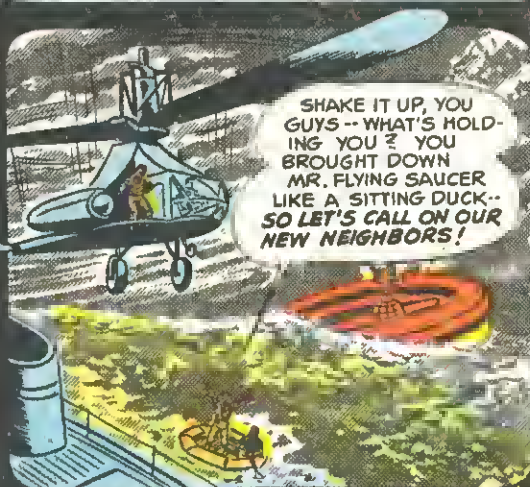
GOT TO--HOLD IT--
UNTIL I CAN--PLANT
THIS CHARGE! GOT
TO-- HOLD IT!--



MADE IT!

BOOOM!

TENSE MOMENTS LATER --



SHAKE IT UP, YOU
GUYS -- WHAT'S HOLD-
ING YOU? YOU
BROUGHT DOWN
MR. FLYING SAUCER
LIKE A SITTING DUCK--
SO LET'S CALL ON OUR
NEW NEIGHBORS!

THIS WAS THE MOMENT THEY HAD SO LONG AWAITED! NOW, AT LAST, THEY WOULD SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF WHO PILOTED THE FLYING SAUCERS!



THE SMOKE SEEMS TO BE DISSIPATING!
GET YOUR WEAPONS READY, MEN!
WE'RE GOING IN-- AND IT MAY
MEAN A FIGHT!

BUT WITHIN THE DARK INTERIOR -- A STUNNING SURPRISE!



THERE'S--
NOBODY
ABOARD!
NOBODY!

BUT-- BUT
HOW CAN
THAT BE?

HERE'S SOMETHING ELSE
I DON'T GET! THESE
STRANGE, GLOWING
TUBES! THERE SEEM
TO BE HUNDREDS
OF 'EM ABOARD!
WONDER WHAT--



NEVER MIND
THAT NOW! TAKE
A LOOK UP
THERE!

HOLY H. SMOKE!
THAT HATCH WAS
BLOWN OPEN BY
THE EXPLOSION
CHAMP PLANTED--
BUT ALL OF A
SUDDEN IT'S
PERFECT
AGAIN!

YES, AND
LOOK
AROUND YOU!
THE SAUCER'S
REPAIRING
ITSELF!



IT WAS THEN THAT IT HAPPENED -- THEIR FIRST SIGN OF SOME WEIRD OUTSIDE INFLUENCE THAT GUIDED THE FLYING SAUCER --

THE HATCH! SOMETHING'S CLOSED IT-- WE'RE PRISONERS!

I--I DON'T LIKE THIS! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

WE'LL GET OUT, ALL RIGHT! I'LL--BREAK THIS THING -- TO SMITHEREENS!

NO, CHAMP --NO! CAN'T YOU FEEL THAT RUSHING VIBRATION? THE SAUCER-- IT'S DIVING INTO THE SEA AT TREMENDOUS SPEED!

THERE'S SOME STRANGE, UNKNOWN IMPULSE GUIDING US---

AND NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT-- JUST WAIT-- SEE WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN--

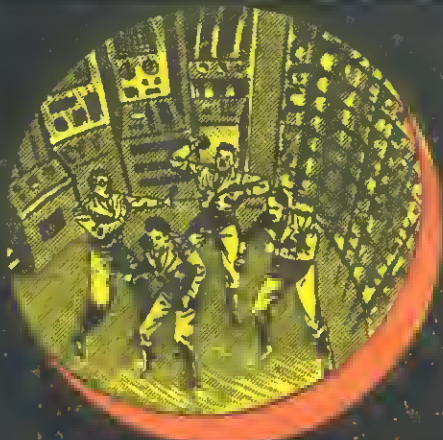


THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO WAIT LONG! FIRST AN ODD, BREATHLESS HUSH -- THEN A WEIRD LIGHT WHICH BATHED THE INTERIOR OF THE SAUCER -- AND FROZE TO THE MARROW OF THEIR BONES!

YES, CHAMP, YOU FEEL FUNNY -- AND SO DO THE OTHERS! FOR THIS IS NO ORDINARY LIGHT! IT'S A RAY -- A RAY THAT PARALYZES!

THAT LIGHT--THAT AWFUL LIGHT! WHERE'S IT COMING FROM?

I--I FEEL FUNNY-- AS IF--



AND SO, BEARING ITS PRISONERS, THE FLYING SAUCER SHOT DOWN -- DOWN THROUGH THE GRAY DEPTHS THAT REACHED UP HUNGRIE --

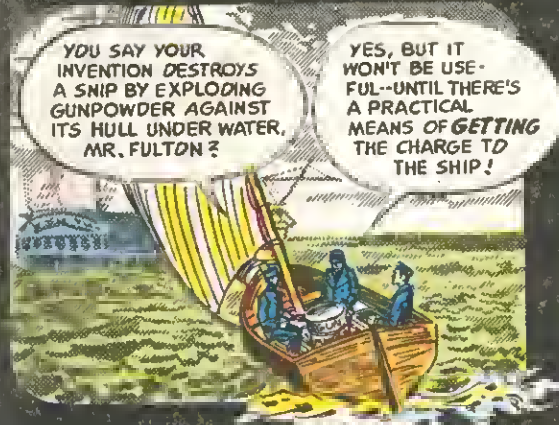
WITHIN IT, BRAVE MEN FROZEN, ROOTED TO THE SPOT -- HEADING HELPLESSLY TOWARDS A DESTINY UNKNOWN -- A PERILOUS FATE UNDREAMED OF!



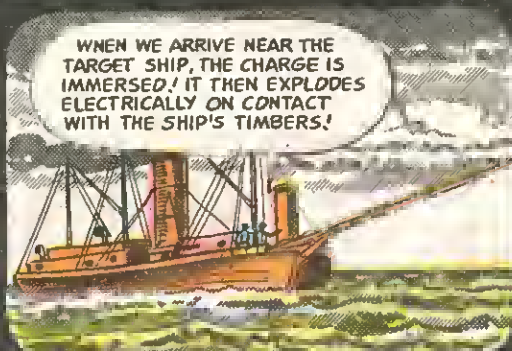
WILL THE CREW OF THE ATOMIC SUB ESCAPE THE AWFUL DOOM THAT AWAITS THEM? READ THE ANSWER -- AND A THRILLING SURPRISE -- IN THE VERY NEXT STORY IN THIS ISSUE!

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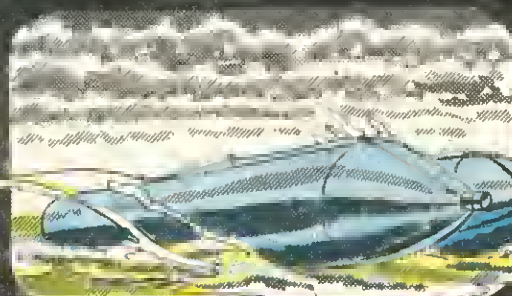
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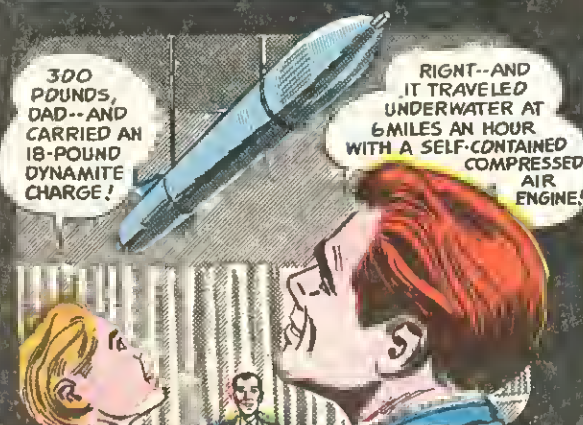


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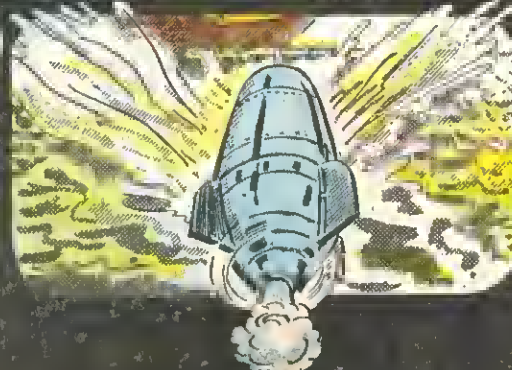


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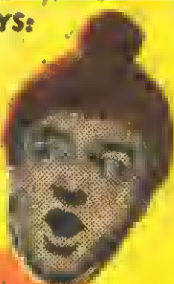


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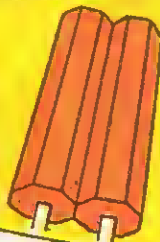
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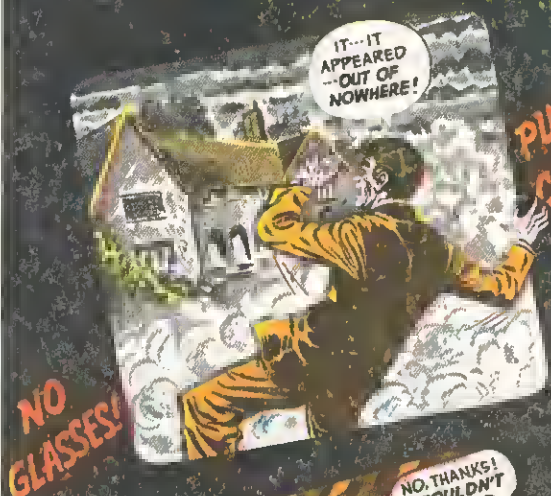
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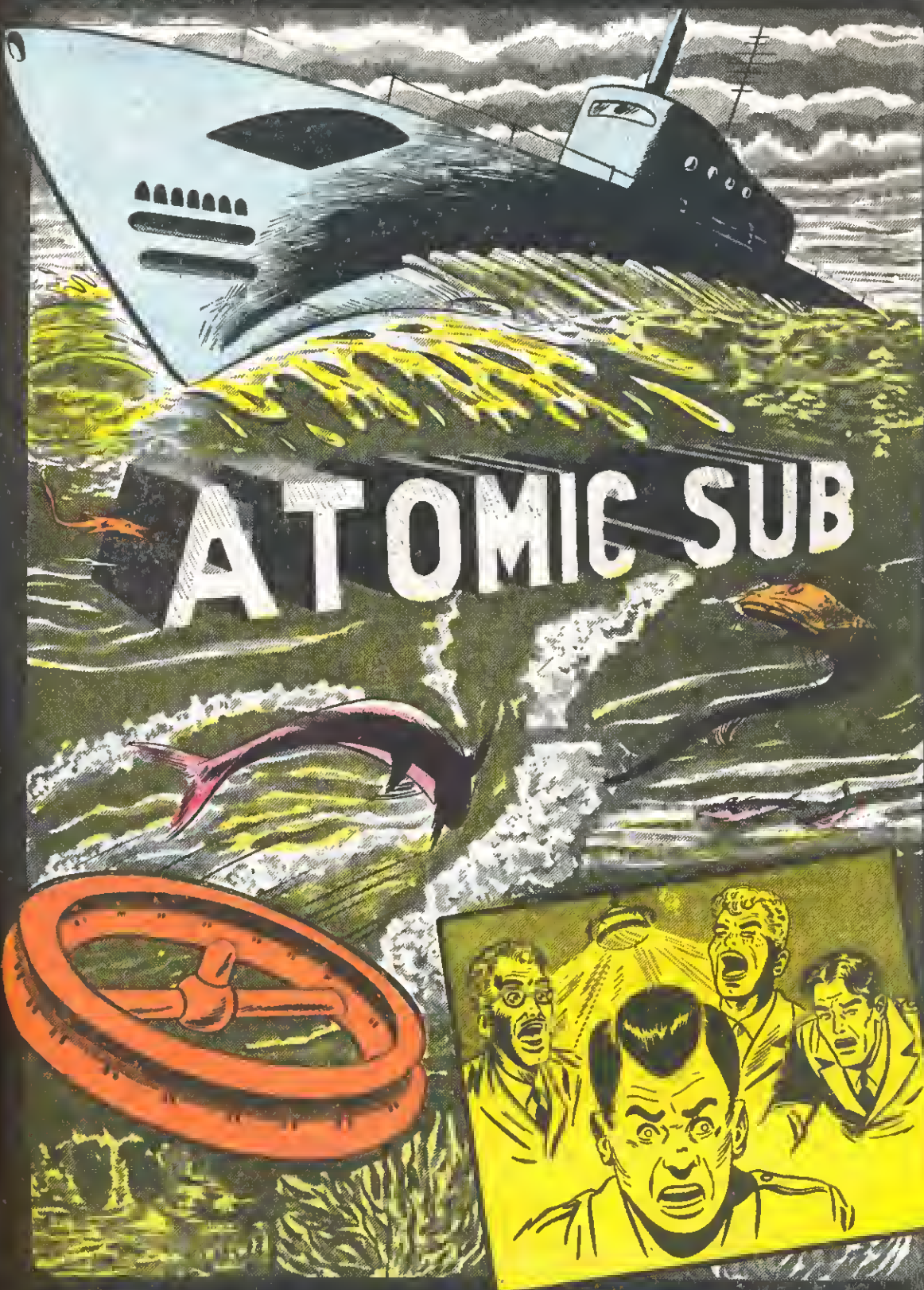
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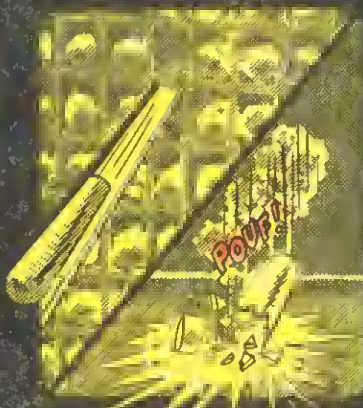
SOMETIMES, IN THE HISTORY OF MAN, THERE COME DRAMATIC CRISES — WHEN THE VERY FATE OF HUMANITY HANGS IN THE BALANCE! THIS WAS ONE OF THOSE TIMES! A STRANGE FLYING SAUCER FROM OUT OF NOWHERE, PLUNGING DEEPER, EVER DEEPER INTO THE DEPTHS! AND WITHIN IT, LOCKED FAST IN THE ANFUL GRIP OF A WEIRD RAY, THE FOUR MEN WHO COULD SAVE THE WORLD — HELPLESS AS THEY ROCKETED TOWARDS — WHAT? WAS THERE A CHANCE TO ESCAPE? COULD ANYTHING SAVE THE IMPERILLED CREW OF THE —



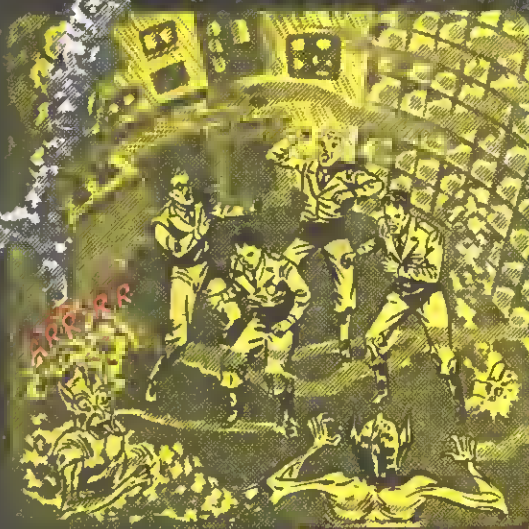
30 - 40 - 50 MILES BEHEATH THE SURFACE! AND THERE LAY ATLANTIS, ITS STRANGE SCIENCE SUMMONING THE SAUCER TO THE MYSTERIOUS MARVELS WHICH AWAITED!



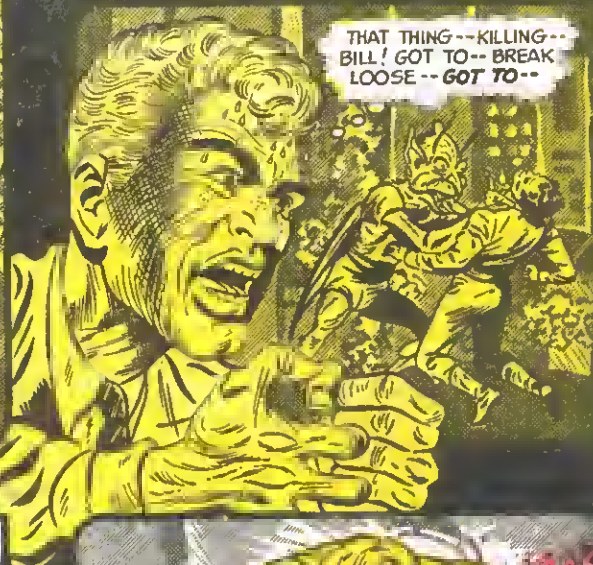
AND NOW THE VOTAGE WAS DONE - FOR THE GLOWING, THRDBBING TUBE! THAT THE ODD CRAFT CARRIED! THERE WAS A WHIRRING OF GEARS AS THE FIRST OF THEM SHOT DOWN A CHUTE, HIT THE FLOOR -



-- AND OUT OF THE RESULTANT EXPLOSION EMERGED SOMETHING EERIE, OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD - THE FRIGHTFUL CREATURE THAT HAD BEEN COMPRESSED WITHIN THE TUBE TO WEATHER THE FLYING SAUCER'S LONG AND PERIL-FAULTED JOURNEY!



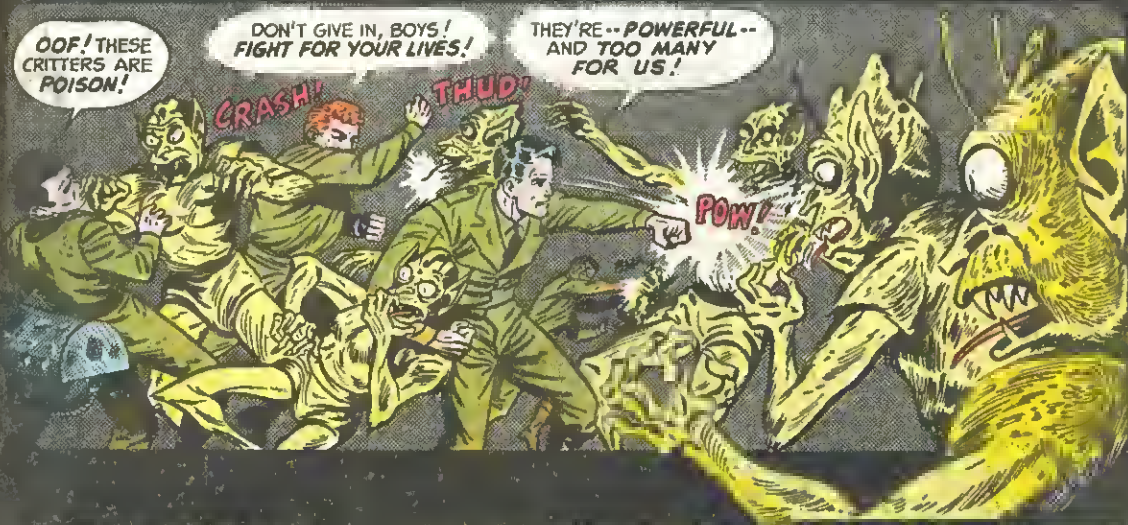
ADDEE ALL, THE PARALYZING RAY BROODED! WITHIN IT, A MAH WAS A HELPLESS PRISONER, BUT HE COULD THINK - HE COULD SEE WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO A FRIEND - HE COULD SUFFER!



IT WAS A SUPERHUMAN DUEL -- MAH AGAINST A CRUEL SCIENCE -- BUT CHAMP BROKE FREE!



YES, BILL BATTLE AND THE ATOMIC COMMANDOS WERE FREE NOW -- FREE TO MEET THE DEADLY ONSLAUGHT OF THINGS THAT WEREN'T MEN! AND COURAGE COULDN'T AVAIL AGAINST NUMBERS!



OOF! THESE CRITTERS ARE POISON!

DON'T GIVE IN, BOYS! FIGHT FOR YOUR LIVES!

THEY'RE-- POWERFUL-- AND TOO MANY FOR US!

CRASH!

THUD!

POW!

WELL, WODDEYA KNOW! I BUMPED INTO SOME SORT OF NEW-FANGLED WEAPON-- AND TURNED IT ON!

DON'T BE BASHFUL! IT'S FOR ALL OF YOU!

YOU'VE GOT 'EM, TONY! QUICK-- TURN THAT GADGET ON THE TUBES THESE CREEPS COME FROM-- SO NO MORE OF 'EM CAN HATCH OUT!

THEY DIDN'T KNOW THAT IT WAS A SHORT-LIVED VICTORY! HOW COULD THEY DREAM OF THE WEIRD SCIENCE THAT FOLLOWED THEIR EVERY MOVE -- THE ENEMY EYES THAT SPIED UPON THEM EVEN THEN?



THEY'LL SEARCH OUT THE PALACE HOPING TO DISCOVER THE DETAILS OF OUR PLOT! BUT I'LL BE READY FOR THEM!

IT HAPPENED JUST AS THE LEADER OF THE STRANGE BEINGS HAD FORESEEN --

-- EVEN TO HIS "CAPTURE!"

I GUESS THAT'S THE PLACE WE'RE LOOKING FOR! HOPE NOBODY SEES US-- WE'VE GOT TO MAKE THIS A SURPRISE!

OUR GUIDE HERE WASN'T ANY TOO WILLING! WE'LL TIE HIM UP AND HIDE HIM!

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE THE LEADER AROUND HERE! IT'S OBVIOUS THAT YOU CREEPS ARE FROM SOME OTHER PLANET, AND YOU'VE GOT A WELL-ORGANIZED PLOT GOING! DO YOU TALK --OR DO WE TAKE YOU APART?

AH, YES-- THERE'S A LOT YOU EARTHLINGS MUST LEARN--



AN UNOBTUSIVE PUSH OF A BUTTON -- AND THE WALLS SOARED UPWARD AND SURROUNDING THEM --



THEY'VE --
GOT US!

HOW WISE OF
YOU TO REALIZE
THAT!

BUT THESE WERE THE ATOMIC COMMANDOS -- AND SURRENDER WAS A HATED WORD! THERE WAS ONE LAST, DESPERATE EFFORT --

FLYING WEDGE, BOYS! WE'LL
BREAK OUT OF HERE YET!

RESISTOR
GUNS READY!
FIRE!

-- CUT SHORT BY THE HISS OF THE RESISTOR GUNS! THEN IT WAS AS IF GRAVITY HAD CEASED TO EXIST FOR THEM!

HUH? THOSE THINGS
FIRE A CHARGE THAT
LIFTS US OFF THE
FLOOR!

WE--WE CAN MOVE
OUR BODIES-- BUT
WE CAN'T GET
ANYWHERE!

SSST...
SSST...

IT WOULD BE A PITY *NOT* TO TELL YOU
OUR PLAN, SINCE YOU'RE SO ANXIOUS
TO LEARN IT! YOU SEE, WE'RE FROM
MERCURY--AND INTEND TO CONQUER
YOUR PLANET! BUT IN ORDER TO
DO SO, WE FIRST NEEDED A SECRET
BASE ON EARTH!

IT TOOK US CENTURIES TO BUILD
UP *ATLANTIS* AS A POINT WHERE OUR
FIGHTING CREATURES COULD ASSEMBLE
IN HIDING AND SUFFICIENT NUMBER TO LAUNCH
A MIGHTY ASSAULT! THE TIME IS *NOW*! AND
AS FOR YOU--THE *EXECUTION CHAMBER*
WILL KEEP THIS INFORMATION SECRET!

THEY DIDN'T WASTE
ANY TIME GETTING US
INTO THEIR KILLING
ROOM!

I--I WONDER
HOW IT WORKS--
WHAT THEY DO--

THEY DIDN'T HAVE LONG TO WAIT TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS IN STORE FOR THEM!

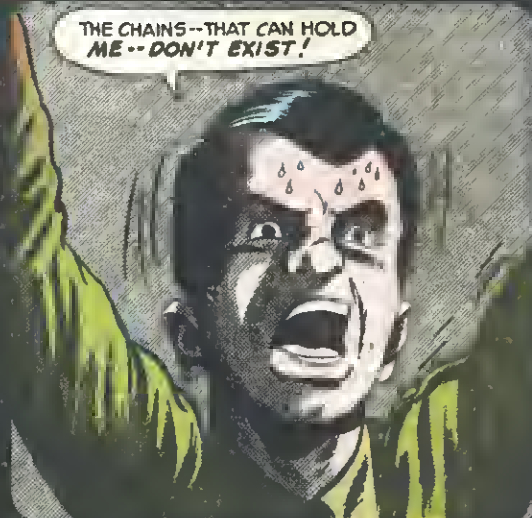
GREAT SCOTT!
THE WALLS--
THEY'RE CONVERG-
ING-- CLOSING
IN ON US!

THESE MANACLES--
DON'T KNOW
WHAT THEY'RE
MADE OF-- BUT
I CAN'T-- BREAK
THEM!

ONE SIDE,
KING KONG! I
WAS AN ESCAPE
ARTIST ON THE
CARNIVAL CIRCUIT
--AND THIS IS
A GOOD TIME
TO PROVE IT!

R-RUMBLE!

THE CHAINS--THAT CAN HOLD
ME--DON'T EXIST!



ONLY A FEW MOMENTS LEFT TO FREE CHAMP -- JUST IN TIME!

CLANK!
R-RUMBLE

MADE IT!--
BUT NOW WHAT?
THOSE WALLS--
THEY'RE ALMOST
ON TOP OF US!

NOT BAD, HUH? I
CAN BE AN ESCAPE
ARTIST FOR OTHER
GUYS, TOO!

GANGWAY!
HERE'S A SPOT
WHERE I CAN
REALLY APPLY
SOME MUSCLE!

R-R-R-R-R-R-R

GET 'EM -- FREE TONY--
GET 'EM FREE!

I'M DOIN' MY PART!
LET'S SEE YOU
DO YOURS!

CHAMP DID HIS PART -- IN A SURGE OF STRENGTH THAT
WREAKED HAVOC!

OKAY, FELLAS--
LET'S GO!

G-CRUNCH!

THAT THING--LOOKS LIKE A
ROCKET FLYER! LET'S GRAB IT
BEFORE WE'RE PURSUED--AND
HEAD FOR THE LOCKS WE
CAME IN THROUGH!

SO WHAT'S
HOLDING
YOU, DOC?



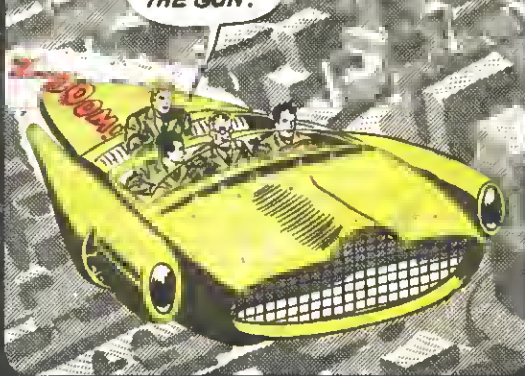
BUT IN A LARGER ROCKET -- NOT FAR BEHIND --

THEY'RE HEADED FOR THE LOCKS--THEY'RE WORTHIER
FOES THAN I'D THOUGHT! BUT I'LL STOP THEM BY
LOSING ONE OF THE
DIRAJES WE BROUGHT
FROM MERCURY!



NEXT MOMENT --

GIVE 'ER
THE GUN!

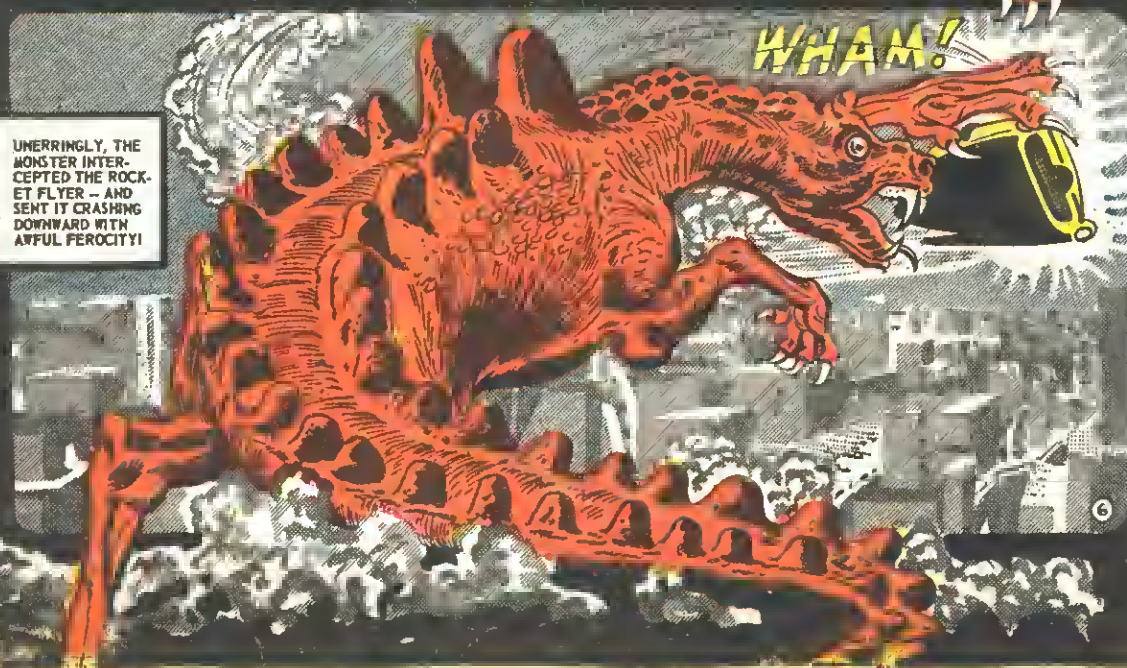


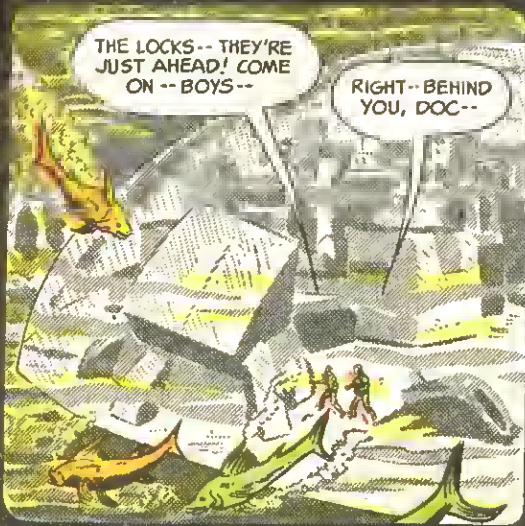
A THROW SWITCH LOOSED A RADIO IMPULSE -- WHICH FREED AND
DIRECTED AS WEIRD AND HORRIBLE A BEAST AS WAS EVER SEEN
ON EARTH!



WHAM!

UNERRINGLY, THE
MONSTER INTER-
CEPTED THE ROCK-
ET FLYER -- AND
SENT IT CRASHING
DOWNWARD WITH
AWFUL FEROCITY!





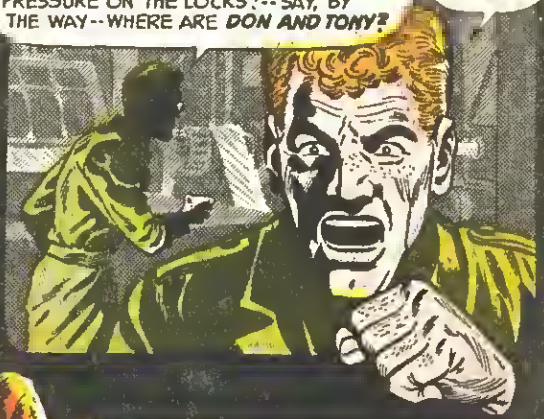
THE LOCKS-- THEY'RE
JUST AHEAD! COME
ON -- BOYS--

RIGHT-- BEHIND
YOU, DOC--

AND JUST AS THEY ENTERED THE LOCKS --

FUNNY DEVICE-- SEEMS TO BE A
GADGET FOR RELEASING COMPRESSED
OXYGEN UNDER TREMENDOUS POWER--
PROBABLY TO DECREASE THE WATER
PRESSURE ON THE LOCKS!-- SAY, BY
THE WAY-- WHERE ARE **DON AND TONY?**

MERCIFUL
HEAVENS--
LOOK!

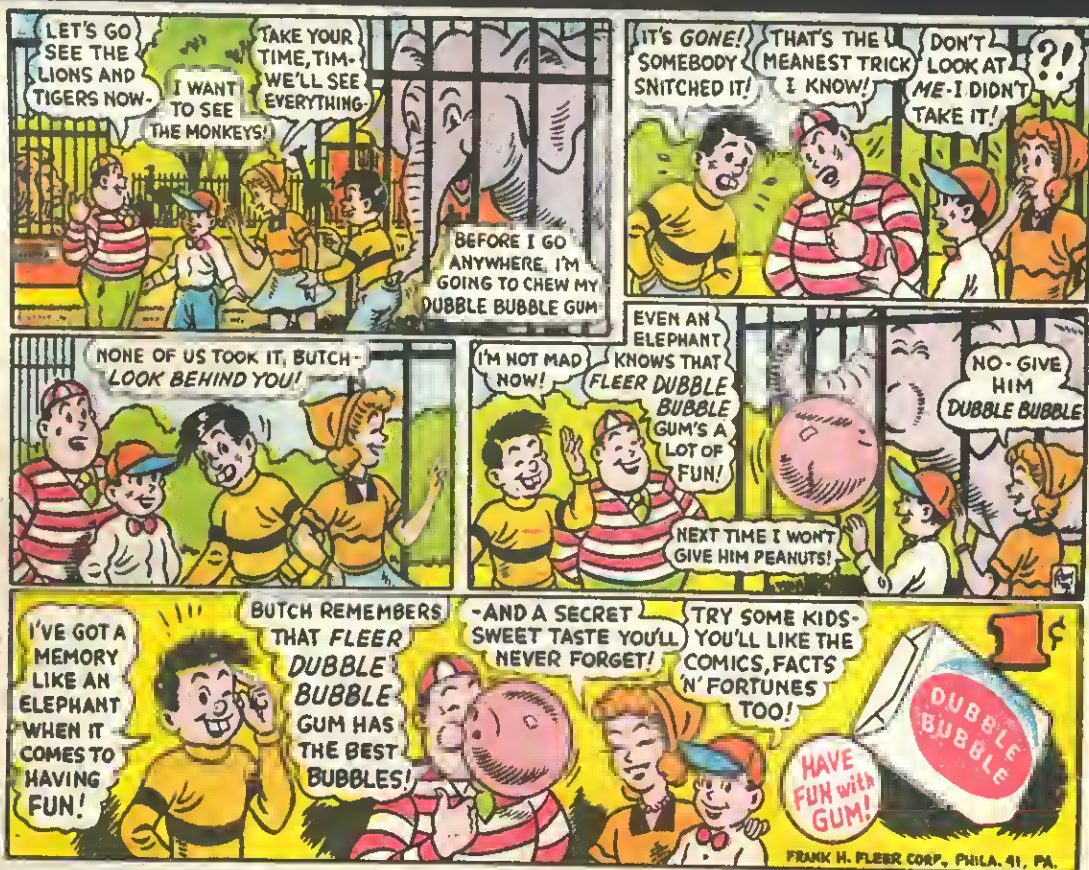


THERE -- IN THE PATH OF THE JUGGERNAUT OF DOOM --



GRRR-RROWN

POUNDING DEATH MOVING CLOSER --
CLOSER! HAS THE END OF THE TRAIL
COME FOR BILL AND TONY -- PAYING
THE WAY FOR AN INVASION FROM
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"THAT'S THE TROUBLE with a G-Man's life," said Joho Ransome slowly. "It isn't like ynu see in the movies or on television. It's all routine...and nothing ever happens!"

Fred, his old college friend, sighed disappointedly. He hadn't seen John in years, and had hastened to look him up when he had heard of his glamorous job as a government operative. Surely he'd hear stories of high adventure and intrigue...yet here was Joho telling him there was no such thing! The ringing of the telephone in an adjoining room interrupted his trend of thought. And it became apparent that their evening together was at an end when John returned, apologized hastily and then left abruptly. It was probably some of that troublesome routine to which he'd referred, thought Fred.

Actually, it was far different. It was an emergency call to headquarters, where John Ransome received a hurried briefing on a sudden development which bid fair to become a national emergency. For it seemed that the test model of the atomic activator had just disappeared, mysteriously, from the plant which had been about to place it into production. The activator made it possible to supply atomic power continuously and in tremendous amounts to special engines. With it, an airplane, a submarine or a battleship could operate indefinitely without refueling...and at unheard-of speeds. Military supremacy belonged to the nation who controlled it...and now it had been stolen!

It called for fast work. The device had to be located before there was time for it to leave the country. And so John took up the quest at the point of disappearance. It was fruitless to question guards and underlings at the plant, he knew. He had to find out who had access to the atomic activator, and then proceed from there. The affair boiled down to six high company officials and about a dozen executive engineers. He scanned their records, their loyalty checks...everything unimpeachable. He interviewed each...to no avail. There was only one thing...so intangible as to be meaningless, no doubt. Richard Cosgrove, one of the engineers. There was something odd about

his eyes...a contraction of the pupils that only the keenest observation could note. John Ransome had such observation. He also thought it strange that Cosgrove, whose record as a war-hero was practically unequalled, should so loudly and emphatically proclaim his patriotism when questioned. Hang it, a man who held the D.S.C. didn't have to brag about how much he loved his country...not when his past accomplishments spoke for him!

It wasn't much to go on, but there weren't any clues...so John determined to check further into Richard Cosgrove. A fast trip to his home town, a hundred miles away, netted him much local gossip...and a surprise! For it seemed that Richard Cosgrove had had a twin brother, Andrew, who had also had training as an engineer. But Andrew had been as dissolute as Richard was decent. A habitual gambler, he owed everyone...and it was even whispered that he took drugs. Nobody knew what had happened to him...only that the old Cosgrove home was locked up and Richard had gone to New York on some engineering job. And now Joho's suspicion burned brighter. A surreptitious trip to the Cosgrove home was in order. There a skeleton key unlocked him entrance...and there, buried beneath the basement floor, he found the mouldering corpse which confirmed his growing belief. This body was Richard's...and the man who had used his reputation and credentials to secure employment in the atomic plant as a trusted engineer was none other than twin brother Andrew, whose contracted pupils had indicated him as a drug-taker!

It was three hours since the theft of the atomic activator, and time was of the essence. Racing back to New York, John Ransome headed for the impostor's apartment, where the same skeleton key won him entrance. He stole in, noting that Cosgrove had his back toward him, giving opportunity for a ruse. "Hiya, Andy!" he cried. Surprised, the man whirled towards him. "How'd you know I was Andy..." he gritted, then stopped short, realizing that he'd given himself away. His hand darted towards his pocket, reaching for a gun, but the movement was cut short by all of John's

lithe power, squarely behind the blow which sent Cosgrove crashing to the floor. His own gun drawn, the G-Man stood over his dazed victim. "Here it is," he snapped. "The way I see it, you were approached by a gang of spies who knew that your brother was going to work at the plant...and figured they could substitute you! They probably offered to pay off all your debts, keep you in drugs and pay you a handsome sum besides if you'd lift the atomic activator for them! The idea was that a great war hero like Richard Cosgrove wouldn't be suspected! And you, you rat...you were so bitter and jealous that you were probably glad when they killed your brother!"

"How right you are," came a smooth voice from behind him...and whirling, John Ransome collided squarely with a smashing gun-hurt blow which sent him down, the world spinning madly about him. When his vision cleared, he saw a short, thick-set man standing over him, gun held at the ready. There were about four other men, too...hirelings, no doubt. Now their short leader was talking. "It was lucky we arrived in time to follow you in," he was saying. "You see, we hadn't come here for the atomic activator yet...we had to secure a place first, to take it out of the country! There wasn't any danger of your finding it here, even if you searched the place, which we had built specially for this purpose! Watch!" He touched a point high in the wood panelling, and a hidden compartment slid open smoothly. Behind it was a heavy vault...and within it, the atomic activator! "Now that the plane's waiting at City Airport," the short man smiled, "we can leave and arrange to transport this device of yours to Slavonia! But you'll have to remain behind, I'm afraid...together with a couple of my men who are experts at...er...liquidation!"

So there he was...together with the men who had been assigned to kill him! "Might as well get this over with," said one, in a businesslike tone, as he checked the clip in his automatic. "C'mon...up against the wall with you!"

John Ransome no longer had a gun. He thought fast, desperately. There was one chance left...one slim chance. "Give me just 60 seconds," he begged. "I...I want to scrawl a goodbye note to my girl!"

"Make it 30 seconds," one of the men laughed cruelly. "Go ahead, fast...it's only 20 seconds now!"

Reaching into his pocket, John pulled out his "pencil", being thicker, heavier than the regulation, with a certain businesslike air about it. "Look out," called one of the men, swinging his gun up to fire. "That thing's a..."

He never finished what he had started to say, for John had hurled the device, and a blasting roar cut off the words...and the lives...of two spies! It was a new device which the Department of Justice issued to its agents, this pencil-grenade...and an effective one! But the G-Man was already out the door, racing for his car below. Perilously he sped through the city streets, heading for the Airport. In and out of traffic he cut at breakneck pace, making death a hundred times over. And now, as he swung onto the big Metropolitan bridge, he saw through the rear window of a big sedan ahead, the unmistakable features of the short, thickset man, as he turned his head to speak to the man beside him. John swung wide, stepping down hard on the accelerator with the intention of cutting them off. But as he drew abreast, the spy leader sighted him, dove for something on the seat of the sedan...and came up with a murderous tommy-gun! There was no time now to think of heading them off...America's security and John's own life depended on lightning action! And, in this moment of awful emergency, the G-Man delivered! A plunging turn of the wheel...and his car plunged headlong into the side of the racing sedan! Out of control, the spy car crashed the bridge's guard-rail and broke through it...then commenced the terrific drop to the river far below!

Nobody emerged alive from that car...including the impostor, Cosgrove. But divers recovered the atomic activator... intact! Then, his day over, John Ransome walked slowly, exhaustedly towards his home. As he turned in at his entrance, a car slowed to a halt, and a man leaped out, calling to him cheerily. It was Fred, his old college friend. "Look at him, taking it easy," the man cried cheerfully. "But I guess you're used to it in a job like yours! All routine...and nothing ever happens!"

IT WAS A MORTAL DANGER SUCH AS THE WORLD HAD NEVER KNOWN -- THE AWFUL REVELATION THAT AN INVASION THROUGH SPACE IMPENDED -- THAT MERCURY MENACED THE EARTH'S VERY EXISTENCE! ONLY ONE HOPE, ONE CHANCE FOR SALVATION REMAINED -- AMERICA'S MIGHTY SECRET WEAPON AND THE DAUNTLESS DAREDEVILS WHO MANNED IT! COULD THE ATOMIC COMMANDOS ESCAPE FROM WEIRD ATLANTIS -- FROM A GIGANTIC, NIGHTMARE MONSTER WHOSE SLAYING JAWS SPELLED DESTRUCTION? ALL HANGING IN THE BALANCE -- AS THEY STROVE TO RETURN TO THE --

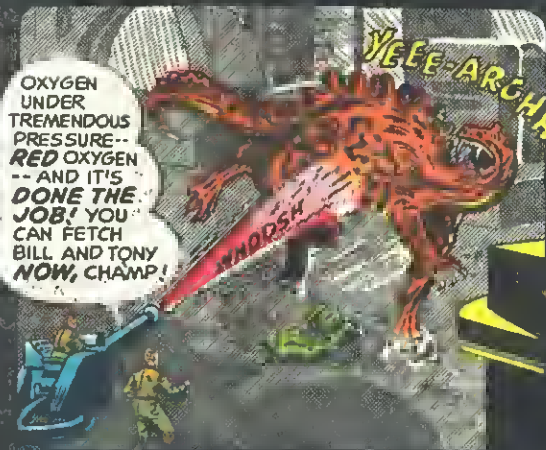
ATOMIC SUB



IT WAS A MOMENT OF PURE HORROR -- AS 300 TONS OF RAGING FEROCITY THUNDERED TOWARDS TWO UNCONSCIOUS MEN! BLOOD DEATH WAS SECONDS AWAY -- AND WHAT FORCE WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO STOP IT?



NEXT MOMENT, A SURGING BLAST -- AS DOC BENT THE SCIENCE OF ATLANTIS TO HIS OWN ENDS!



OXYGEN UNDER TREMENDOUS PRESSURE-- RED OXYGEN -- AND IT'S DONE THE JOB! YOU CAN FETCH BILL AND TONY NOW, CHAMP!

BUT IN THE OUTER CHAMBER OF THE LOCKS, A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY --

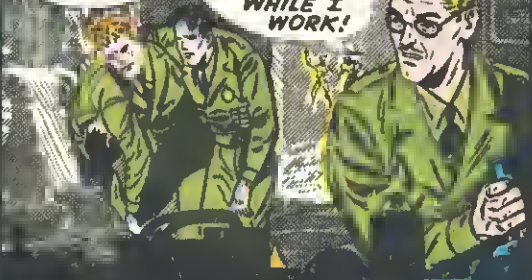


THAT'S WHAT I SAID! TURN THAT MACHINE AROUND -- FAST!

I-I DON'T GET YOUR IDEA, DOC--BUT-- HERE GOES!

HEY, DOC-- A BUNCH OF THOSE CREEPS ARE COMING UP AFTER US! HOW WE EVER GONNA GET OUT OF THIS PLACE?

HMMM... A FEW ALTERATIONS IN THE OUTPUT SYSTEM AND I CAN STEP UP THAT OXYGEN JET TO CYCLONE POWER! -- SWIVEL THIS MACHINE AROUND AGAIN, CHAMP-- THEN HOLD THE DOOR AGAINST ALL COMERS WHILE I WORK!



DON'T WORRY--THEY'RE NOT-- GETTING IN YET! BUT IT'S LUCKY YOU TWO SNAPPED OUT OF IT!

DONE! THROW THE CONTROLS THAT OPEN THE LOCKS!



NOW THE LOCKS OF ATLANTIS YAWNEO WIDE -- AND FROM THEM DARTED A BLAST OF SUPERCHARGED OXYGEN -- A TITANIC SCARLET JET THAT SHAKE ALONG THE OCEAN BED, PUSHING THE WATER BACK, BACK!

THIS'LL BE THE FIRST TIME WE'VE EVER RUN UNDER THE OCEAN! LET'S GO!



ON EVERY SIDE, THE CRUSHING DEEP -- BUT HERE WAS A PASSAGEWAY
OUT OF PERIL-FRAUGHT ATLANTIS --

WHERE ARE WE
GOING, DOC? WHEN
WE COME TO THE END
OF THIS OXYGEN JET--
THEN
WHAT?

WE HAD TO GET OUT OF THERE
PRONTO, BILL--OR THEY'D
HAVE HAD US! IF--IF WE
CAN GET OUT OF RANGE OF
THE ATLANTEAN WEAPONS,
THEN I'VE GOT AN ACE IN
THE HOLE I CAN TRY!



BUT BACK IN THE LOCKS --

EARTHLY FOOLS--THEY'LL NEVER ESCAPE
THAT WAY! A PATH OF OXYGEN --AND
THIS TORCH--



THEN WHAT HAD BEEN AN AVENUE OF ESCAPE SUDDENLY BECAME A FLAMING INFERNO -- AS A FIERY BLAST RACED TOWARDS THE ATOMIC
COMMANDOS!

NOLY SMOKE! WE'RE
COOKED--AND I DO MEAN
COOKED!

ALL RIGHT, YOU MEN--
HERE IT IS! DIVE
OUT OF THE JET--
INTO THE WATER!

DROWNING'S
BETTER THAN
BURNING ANY DAY!
LET'S GO!



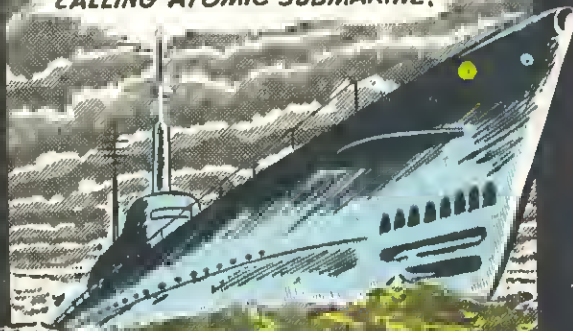
AND AS THE COMMANDOS OBEYED, DOC PLAYED HIS TRUMP CARD! A
SPECIAL RADIO SENDER, TUNED TO A SECRET CHANNEL --

CALLING ATOMIC SUB-
MARINE! CALLING ATOMIC
SUBMARINE! SUBMERGE
IMMEDIATELY AND
FOLLOW RADIO IM-
PULSE!



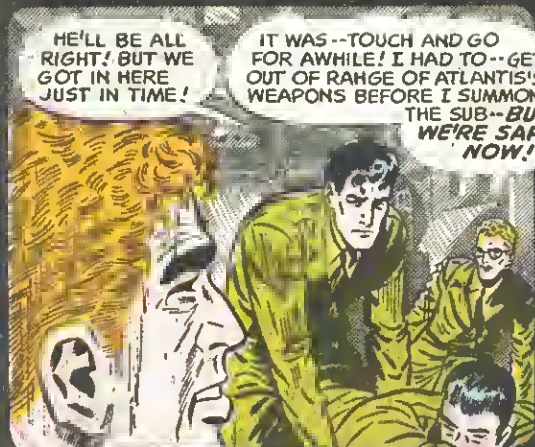
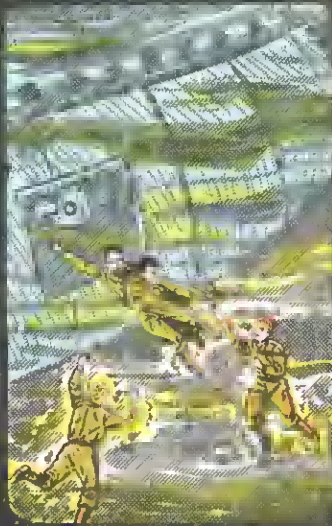
AND ON THE SURFACE -- NOT FAR DISTANT --

CALLING ATOMIC SUBMARINE!
CALLING ATOMIC SUBMARINE!



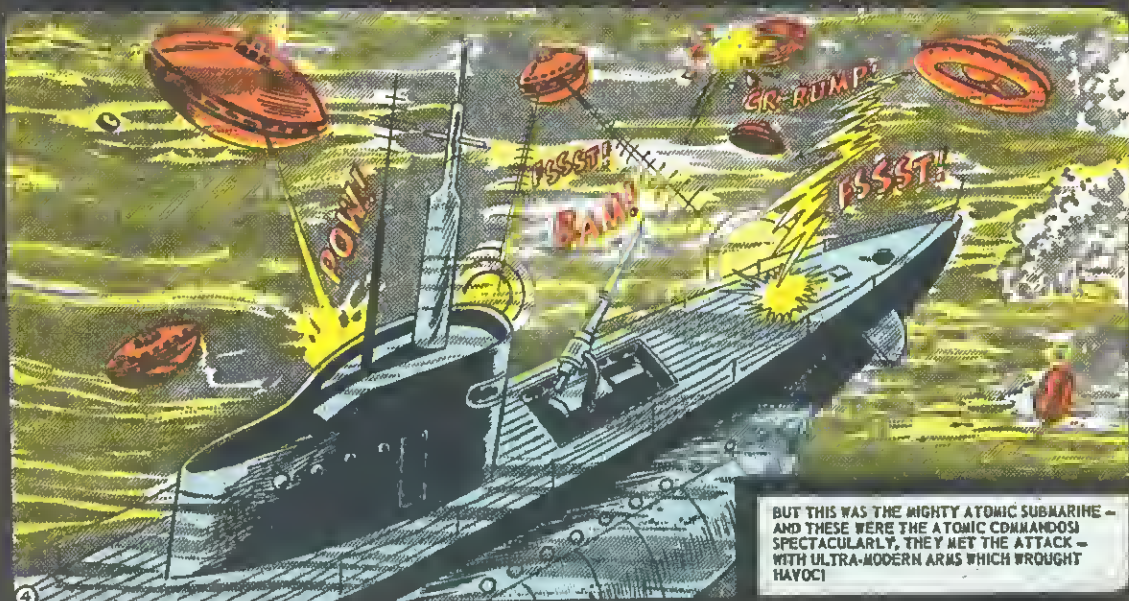
A WHIRRING OF POWERFUL MOTORS -- AND THE ATOMIC SUB PLUMMETED INTO THE DEPTHS AT HEADLONG SPEED, OBEDIENT TO THE INSISTENT RADIO IMPULSES WHICH GUIDED IT!

AND DOWN BELOW -- JUST AS THEIR LUNGS REACHED THE BURSTING-POINT --



IT WAS --TOUGH AND GO FOR AWHILE! I HAD TO--GET OUT OF RANGE OF ATLANTIS'S WEAPONS BEFORE I SUMMONED THE SUB--BUT WE'RE SAFE NOW!

SAFE? THERE WAS ONE THING THEY HADN'T COUNTED ON -- A POWERFUL ONSET LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A NIGHTMARE -- AS A FLEET OF SPECIAL FIGHTING SAUCERS SWARMED IN FOR THE KILL!

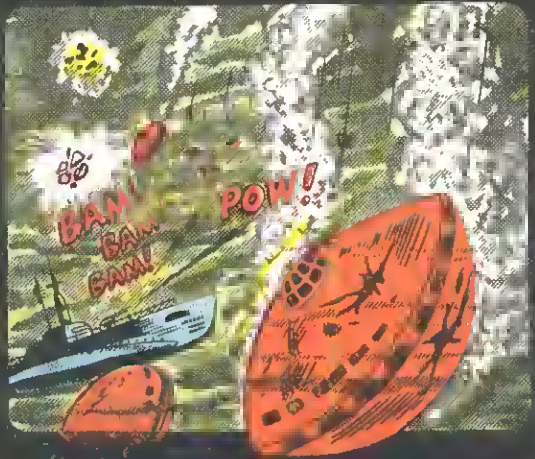


BUT THIS WAS THE MIGHTY ATOMIC SUBMARINE -- AND THESE WERE THE ATOMIC COMMANDOS! SPECTACULARLY, THEY MET THE ATTACK -- WITH ULTRA-MODERN ARMS WHICH BROUGHT HAVOC!

AS THE SCALES OF BATTLE, THE VERY FATE OF THE WORLD HUNG IN THE BALANCE --

NOW OR NEVER -- AND THE ATOMIC SUB RESPONDED IN A BURST OF FIGHTING FURY WHICH SCATTERED THE FLYING SAUCERS IN COMPLETE DEFEAT!

DIRECT HIT--BUT OUR ARMAMENT'S WEATHERED IT! BREAK OUT OUR AUXILIARY RAPID-FIRE GUNS --IT'S NOW OR NEVER!



YAHOO! WE DID IT!

I DID IT, YOU MEAN-- SINGLE-HANDED!

HURRAH FOR OUR SIDE!

EASY, BOYS--THAT WAS JUST THE FIRST STEP! THERE'LL BE NO REAL VICTORY FOR US UNTIL WE CAN ELIMINATE THE MENACE OF ATLANTIS AS AN INVASION BASE!



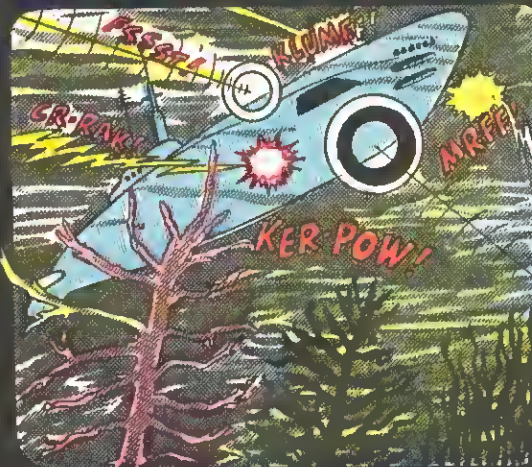
THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING TO DO -- RISK THE ISLAND'S TERRIBLE UNDERWATER WEAPONS ONCE MORE! THEY HAD TO GET WITHIN RANGE -- EVEN IF IT MEANT EXPOSING THEMSELVES TO CERTAIN DEATH!

NOW! SWITCH FROM CONVENTIONAL FIREPOWER TO ATOMIC WEAPONS!



AND JUST AS THE AWFUL UNDERSEA BARRAGE BURST ABOUT THEM --

-- THE ATOMIC SUB RELEASED ITS FULL TERRIFIC BROADSIDE OF ATOMIC SHELLS AND TORPEDOES!



IT WAS THE MOMENT OF DESTINY! PROVIDENCE ITSELF SEEMED TO HOLD ITS BREATH AS THE MIGHTY MISSILES OARTEO THROUGH THE WATER -- AND THEN STRUCK, ERUPTED IN THE MOST COLOSSAL EXPLOSION OF ALL TIME!

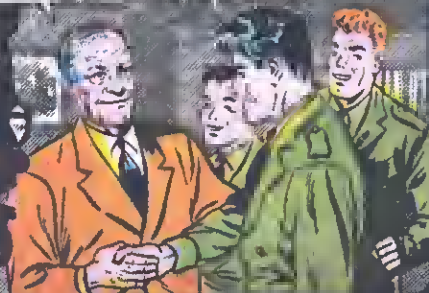


SO PERISHED ATLANTIS AND ITS AWFUL THREAT AGAINST EARTH'S SECURITY -- DEFEATED BY AMERICA'S GREAT ATOMIC SUB AND THE BRAVE MEN THAT MANNED IT! THE FOLLOWING WEEK -- IN WASHINGTON --

SAFETY, DID YOU SAY, BILL BATTLE? THE SUCCEEDING WEEKS BROUGHT STRANGE, OMINOUS SIGNS! HERE THEY ARE, AND THEY SPELL -- CATASTROPHE!

THERE'LL BE A FUTURE FOR MANKIND ON EARTH NOW -- THANKS TO YOU ATOMIC COMMANDOS!

THANKS TO THE ATOMIC SUB, YOU MEAN, MR. PRESIDENT! BUT THE DANGER'S OVER NOW -- WE CAN SETTLE BACK IN SAFETY. THANK HEAVENS!



Beware... They won't rest while we live... They're Coming... Coming...

WHAT WAS THE SECRET OF THIS WEIRD MESSAGE -- WRITTEN IN THE LIFEBLOOD OF A BRAVE MAN?



NO--DON'T COME NEAR ME--HELP!

WHAT WAS IT THAT SEAMAN R. O. WHITTAKER SAW -- BEFORE TERROR ROBBED HIM OF HIS REASON?

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THE END

BOYS!

CAMPS!
CHURCHES



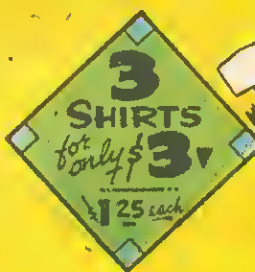
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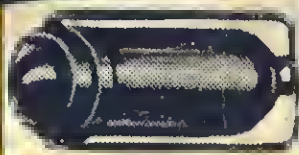
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